fencing on vulnerable stretches on Indo-Pak border border in Rajasthan. State Govts. have also been provided due support in their efforts to modernise their police forces to combat terrorism and smuggling of arms & ammunition.

Bangladesh Immigrants in Various Parts of the Country

1066. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal Bangladeshis residing in Delhi and Bombay and since when they have been residing:

(b) what is their total number in the country;

(c) whether it is fact that the illegal Bangladeshis have participated in riots in Delhi, Bombay and other parts of the country;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) what steps Government have taken se far to cheek the illegal immigration of Bangladeshis into the country and send them back from India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) There are a large number of Bangladeshi migrants living illegally in different parts of the country including Delhi and Bombay. It is difficult to estimate their exact number and period of stay as they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population because of ethnic-lingual similarities.

(c) and (d) No such information is available about the participation or otherwiuse of such migrants in the riots in Delhi and Bombay and other parts of the country.

(e) Various measures have been taken/ are being taken to check infiltration of illegal migrants from Bangladesh and to detect and deport them back to Bangladesh. These include intensification of patrolling by the Border Security force, strengthening of its Water Wing, accelerated programme of construction of Border Roads and Fencing, strengthening of the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (POF/Mobile Task Force (MTF) schemes, issue of Identity Cards to people residing in border areas, Computerisation of visa control system, etc.

Fire in MCD's Zonal Office, Lajpat Nagar

1067. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Causes of fire which took place in MCD's Zonal Head Office at Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi on 2nd February, 1993, destroying a number of secret files pertaining unauthorised constructions as reported in the Indian Express of 5th February, 1993;

(b) whether Government have made an enquiry into the matter;

(e) if so, what are the findings of the enquiry and whether it is a fact that some of the files pertain to unauthorised constructions; if so, the details thereof;

(d) what action has been taken against the officials found responsible and also guilty of corruption charges as mentioned in the press report mentioned above; and

(e) what are the details of unauthorised constructions carried out in the Zonal area during the last two years and what action has been taken before completion of these unauthorised constructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (e) A fire took place on the night of 2nd February, 1993 in the Municipal Corporation's office at Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. The Delhi Police have registered a case under section 436 IPC vide FIR No. 40, dated 3.2.1993, at Police Station Lajpat Nagar.